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PELLAGRA AT ANDERSONVILLE.

Discusses the Latest Apology. Editor National Tribune: I am greatly interested in the article you reproduce Dec. 16, from the statement of Dr. Kerr, ex-Confederate Surgeon of the infamous pest-house at Andersonville.

It is in a sense honorable to the conscience of up-to-date Americans that decent ex-rebels and their defenders, instead of denying, as they formerly did, the hideous Andersonville atrocity, now seek to explain, extenuate or apologize for it.

The trouble is that their explanations, etc., are flagrantly inconsistent. A few years since I happened to be in New Orleans, when a grand demonstration was made over Mrs. Jefferson Davis, then visiting. The daily papers devoted whole pages to the speeches delivered, and more space was given to defense of Andersonville than to anything else.

Collating all the admissions, one would get the full case against Wirz et al., in face of which the corresponding denials were, of course, ridiculous. And now comes "Dr. Kerr," who says he was indicted with Wirz and "the immortal Jeff Davis," and only escaped being hanged by a miracle.

Of course, he had never seen this disease before. It was not until he was in the hospital at Andersonville that he saw it. "Lassitude" and "emaciation" were its unerring symptoms. It is too late in the day to eulphize the young and vigorous patriots who were victims of these tortures of that premeditated and inexcusable famine with victims of the unselected pellagra and hookworm.

Thus we have here, in addition to innumerable other confessions and avoidances, a new one, the significant admission of this blundering relic of medical incapacity that the fearful mortality, superinduced thereby, was not due to the disease, but to the neglect of the medical staff.

Dr. Kerr has gained nothing by emphasizing his own ignorance. He has merely added to the previously known criminal responsibility of Wirz and Jeff Davis that of placing such a wretched man in charge of the pest-house at Andersonville.

First Fire at St. Cloud. (From the St. Cloud Tribune, Dec. 23.) Our growing town met with its first disaster on Tuesday morning, when at 3 o'clock the St. Cloud Hotel, crowded with guests, was discovered to be on fire.

An Old Resident of Florida. Editor National Tribune: I am an old veteran who spent three years in active service in the civil war. I have then I have spent 35 years in the Methodist ministry. I am much pleased with the National Tribune pension bill, and hope it will pass.

Has His Home Made. Editor National Tribune: I like to have my home made. I like the country so well that I have my house nearly completed. We are living in it and as far as I can see I will spend the few days or years here in comfort.

Pleased With St. Cloud. St. Cloud, Fla., Dec. 23.—We have received our deeds, and are very well pleased with the location of our property and also with the town and everything generally.

Met Nothing but Courtesy. Editor National Tribune: I have met nothing but courtesy from the officials of the Company, and I fully appreciate the helpful advice that has been given me.

A Veteran Postmaster. Phil M. Wagner, 3d Ill. Cav., and also Lieutenant, 25th Ill., is now Postmaster at Cushing, Tex., which will doubtless interest many of his old comrades.

MRS. DELLA R. HENRY.

The National President of the Ladies of the G. A. R. Is Much Entertained.

A splendid reception was held in Memorial Hall, Columbus, O., by the local Ladies of the G. A. R. recently in honor of Mrs. Della R. Henry, of Kansas City, Mo., National President of the Ladies of the G. A. R., and Mrs. Hulda Phileas, of Toledo, De- partment of the Ohio Ladies of the G. A. R.

The Society differs from the Woman's Relief Corps, inasmuch as only wives or lineal descendants are eligible for membership, whereas any woman may join the Corps.



LADIES OF THE G. A. R. HOME.

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Henry, National President of the Ladies of the G. A. R., in December, while there on her trip to some of the Eastern Departments, and she was delighted with all that she found there.

MAINE VETERANS.

A Flourishing Association in Somerset County.

Editor National Tribune: Four years ago the veterans of Somerset County, Me., formed an organization known as the Somerset Veterans' Association. The Association holds its meetings once a quarter, in March, June, September and December, at different points in the County.

The Association met for its annual meeting in Skowhegan, Thursday, Dec. 16. The officers elected for 1910 were as follows: Colonel-Commander, E. E. Gould; Lieutenant-Colonel, Frank H. Wing; Major, Sewell W. Smith; Chaplain, Cephas Walker; Adjutant, Samuel F. Emerson; Quartermaster, Samuel Vose.

The Association voted unanimously to endorse the candidacy of Comrade John

William Harvey, Senior Vice Com- mander, Department of Alabama, G. A. R., New Decatur, Ala., meets Com- rade Samson's doubt as to our state- ment about the 14th Mo., a part of which Birge's Sharpshooters were not.

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Birge's Sharpshooters. One of the Eagle Regiment. A. R. Barnes, Commander, Orman Post, Albia, Iowa, says that he left the command of a printing office at Eau Claire, where he was receiving \$20 a week, to enlist in the 14th Mo., and that Birge's Sharpshooters were not.

Rev. Benjamin F. Young, colored, says that he saw an item in the National Tribune sent by Rev. Benjamin F. Young, colored, of Charleston, S. C., and has written him twice, but the letters have been returned. Can anybody give his street address?

"Youngest Son." Editor National Tribune: Sorry for Charlotte, Mich., and its sponsor, W. M. Beckman, but there is a son of a veteran in my family who will not be two years old March 21, 1910.—John D. Billings, Allston, Mass.

Addresses Wanted. James S. Reese, First Corporal, Capt. A. C. Card's Co. 4th Tenn. (Col. Hathaway's regiment), would like to hear from any of the officers or comrades of his company. Address James S. Reese, 432 South Greenleaf avenue, Whittier, Los Angeles County, Cal.

Officers of the 26th Ky. G. B. Tobbs, Harrison, O., wants to obtain the post-office address of any of the officers of the 26th Ky., which was commanded by Col. S. G. Burbridge, now deceased.

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Since the disclosure made with regard to the bogus pearls, the famous pearl necklace it has been whispered abroad that most of the so-called pearl necklaces worn by society women are far from genuine.

Apropos of Mrs. Astor, revelation follows revealing that in addition to her imitation pearls, that famous gold dinner service we have all heard so much about was nothing but an ordinary imitation. She is stated, And her house, which had been the scene of so many brilliant gatherings, it is now discovered was a shabby and shabby structure.

And apropos of servants, there are plenty and plenty of vocations much higher up in the social scale, perhaps, but which do not begin to pay as well as domestic service. Faithful, efficient service in the home is well compensated, and fully appreciated in these days of complex conditions.

No wonder Zelaya hated to "loosen up" on Nicaragua. To be cut off from the tidy little sum of \$40,000 a month in good American money is no joke. He seems to have had a hand in everything in the country out of which any money was to be made.

The 8th N. Y. Cav. Editor National Tribune: In your sketch of the 8th N. Y. Cav. you made a few mistakes. The 8th N. Y. Cav. was mustered into the regular army and started to Washington, D. C., on Thanksgiving Day, 1861.

The 19th Ohio. James G. Bailey, 19th Ohio, Los Angeles, Cal., says that in the list of the members of his regiment, Lieut.-Col. H. G. Stratton was omitted. He com- manded the regiment from the time that Col. C. F. Manderson was wound- ed at Lookout Station (Tomb) after the battle of Nashville, when he resigned and was succeeded by J. M. Nash.

One cannot help wondering what Cook thinks of it all. Is he wretched beyond words, the most miserable man on the face of the earth, a servant out a country, or is he absolutely in- different to the slings and arrows which have been flung at him lately? Is he the greatest impostor of the ages, be- fore whom Cagliostro, that Prince of Impostors pales, or is he laboring un-